Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add at page 17, after line 17, the following paragraphs:

Figure 10 shows the effect of GPI 1046 treatment on retinal ganglion cells after optic nerve transection

Figure 11 shows correlation between retinal ganglion cell and optical nerve axon sparing upon GPI 1046 treatment after optic nerve transfection.

Figure 12 shows GPI 1046 preservation of nerve axons after transection.